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SUMMARY: THE CONTEMPORARY VISITS OF PORTUGAL BY PRIME
MIISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AND DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY
SECRETARY NORLUND ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN TODAY'S DANISH
PRESS. JORGENSEN'S MEETINGS WITH SOARES AND COSTA GOMES
ARE COVERED AS WELL AS THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER'S
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INTENTION TO REPORT IN DETAIL ON HIS TRIP TO SWEDISH

PRIME MINISTER PALME WHO CONVENED THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN DIVIDED AND PREDICTABLE WITH ONE LEFT WING NEWSPPAER SUGGESTING THAT BOTH DANISH POLITICANS SHOULD HAVE STAYED AT HOME. END SUMMARY.

1) THE VISITS TO PORTUGAL OF PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT) AND DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) SECRETARY IB NORLUND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE OTHERWISE POLITICALLY FLACCID, SUMMER DANISH PRESS. ACCORDING TO NEWS STORIES OUT OF PORTUGAL, JORGENSEN HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED ON PORTUGUESE RADIO AND BY TWO COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS; HAS SPOKEN TO A SOCIALIST MEETING AT AMODORA ON AUGUST 11; AND TODAY (AUGUST 12) WILL ADDRESS WORKERS AT THE LISNAVE SHIPYARD. JORGENSEN CONFIDED TO DANISH REPORTERS THAT HE IS EXPECTING "HARSH WORDS" THERE BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNISTS AT THE SHIPYARD.

2) ON AUGUST 11, JORGENSEN MET TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS WITH SOARES AT THE DANISH EMBASSY, THEN TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO OBTAIN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES TODAY. AT THE MEETING WITH SOARES, JORGENSEN REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE FORMS OF SUPPORT WHICH WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS CAN GIVE TO "PLURALISTIC DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN PORTUGAL.

3) ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE MEETING WITH COSTA GOMES TODAY. AT THE MEETING WITH SOARES, JORGENSEN REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE FORMS OF SUPPORT WHICH WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS CAN GIVE TO "PLURALISTIC DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN PORTUGAL.

3) ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE MEETING WITH COSTA GOMES TODAY, JORGENSEN TOLD DANISH REPORTERS THAT HE INTENDED TO EXPLAIN FRANKLY WHAT HE, AS LEADER OF DENMARK'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, FEELS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND ABOUT THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY "WHICH COSTA GOMES HIMSELF ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS HAS EMPHASIZED AS PORTUGAL'S GOAL."

4) DKP SECRETARY NORLUND IN AN INTERVIEW WITH POLITIKEN UNCLASSIFIED

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(RADICAL INDEPENDENT) SAID HE FOUND IT INCONSISTENT THAT SOARES AND JORGENSEN MET IN THE DANISH EMBASSY AT THE SAME TIME JORGENSEN WAS EMPHASING THAT HE WAS NOT IN PORTUGAL AS PRIME MINISTER. NORLUND ALSO SAID IT WAS STRANGE THAT JORGENSEN REFUSED TO MEET WITH PORTUGAL'S PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES.

5) IN HIS OWN INTERVIEW WITH THE POLITIKEN CORRESPONDENT,

JORGENSEN SAID HE HAD NOT YET ASKED TO MEET GONCALVES AND THAT HE DOES NOT YET KNOW WHETHER HE WILL MEET WITH THE PPD. HE WOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO MEET WITH ALL GROUPS FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM FOR THE PARTY PRESS AND LABOR UNION MOVEMENT. ACCORDING TO POLITIKEN, ANKER JORGENSEN ON HIS RETURN TO SCANDINAVIA WILL REPORT ON HIS TRIP IN DETAIL TO SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME IN THE LATTER'S CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PORTUGAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AT THE STOCKHOLM MEETING.

6) EDITORIALY, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY, DAKTUELT, SCORED " COMMUNIST HYPOCRISY IN CRITICIZING ANKER JORGENSEN'S VISIT TO PORTUGAL WHILE THEIR OWN IB NORLUND IS THERE. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEADING THE DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT OFF THE TRACK" THE COMMUNIST DAILY, LAND AND FOLK, ACCUSED ANKER JORGENSEN OF LETTING HIMSELF BE EXPOLOITED BY REACTIONARY FORCES IN PORTUGAL. MINAVISEN (SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S PARTY, WHICH SPLIT FROM THE COMMUNISTS IN 1958) CRITICIZED THE DOUBLE STANDARD OF THE COMMUNISTS SHOWN BY THEIR OBJECTIONS TO ANKER JORGENSEN'S VISIT. IT ADDED THAT PERHAPS BOTH HE AND NORLUND SHOULD HAVE STAYED AT HOME AS THEY RU THE RISK OF CO-RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD CIVIL WAR BREAK OUT. "THAT WOULD SERVE NEITHER THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM NOR DEMOCRACY." LUKENS

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